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Dear Craig:

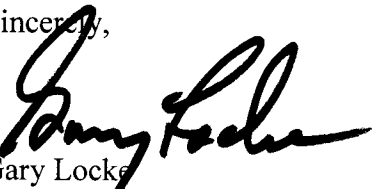
I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the nominations of Ellen Jeffcott, R.D.H, B.S., and Inland Health Services to receive the Warren Featherstone Reid Award. Both have made significant contributions to improving healthcare on behalf of the people of Washington.

Ms. Jeffcott is a founding member of the Washington State Oral Health Coalition and an affiliate faculty at the University of Washington's School of Dentistry. Currently, she manages the oral health program at Seattle-King County Public Health. In each of these capacities, she has shown great leadership in encouraging the use of preventative measures, such as sealants and fluoride treatments, to decrease tooth and gum disease among the general public. She also has worked very hard to expand access to dental care, particularly for children of low-income families.

Through an innovative partnership, Inland Northwest Health Services provides information and communication linkages between hospitals, rehabilitation and clinical facilities, critical care operations, health education services, and other related enterprises. This has led to a higher quality of care, less duplication of effort, and lower overall health costs for the people of Spokane and surrounding communities. I applaud its effectiveness and creativity, and anticipate that its success will attract the interest of other organizations in the state and across the country.

Again, I encourage your favorable consideration of these highly deserving nominations.

Sincerely,



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